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The landed property of Kreis Wansleben is partly owned by the Protestant Church. The East German Agricultural Production Cooperation (LPG), which also manages the church property, is of the opinion that it does not have to pay rent to the Church. The court, however, ruled that LPG must pay. It appears that the East Germany Government approved rent payments to churches because it can then again tax the churches.

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